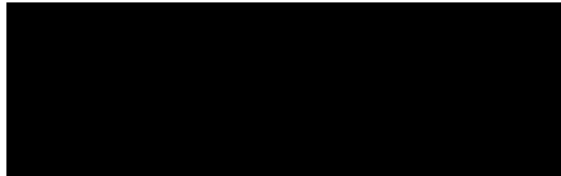


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I think it was proper that no effort was made to have you incur the expense of time and money to come to Washington under present conditions. However, I gather the interest is more than casual although not yet directed to a single channel. If I can do anything to help solidify the solution, I will of course be only too glad to do so.

I am glad your health seems to be standing up so well, but it's lucky you both got back from Guatemala before the strike went into effect or you both might be in very bad shape.

While I expect to get off for two weeks at least this summer and would love to try some game fishing, our plans presently turn northward rather than south. We would still love to see your part of the world, however, and maybe can do it yet.

If you go to France this summer and come this way, please give us a call.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON